



CHAPTER **8** 『THE BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD ①』



PROFESSOR WUANG



WE NOW
BEGIN THE
FINALS

NATIONAL MIDDLE
SCHOOL SPORTS MEET
TABLE TENNIS
COMPETITION

DISTRICT
PRELIMINARIES

FOR THE
WOMEN'S
TEAM
COMPETITION.



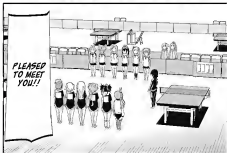
OLYMPIAN
GIRLS
SCHOOL
VENUE



TEUBANE
GIRLS'
ACADEMY.



PLEASED
TO MEET
YOU!!





LET'S HAVE
NICE MATCH,
LIGHTHOUSE-
SUN



YEA, A
NICE MATCH,
KAGURAZAKA-
SAN



FINAL
MATCH!

SO IT
FINALLY
BEING
DISTRICT
PRELIM-
NARIES



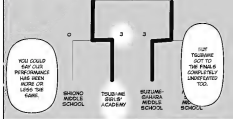
WE MADE IT
THROUGH THE
PRELIMINARIES
LEAGUE AND
FINALS
TOURNAMENT
WITH ZERO
LOSSES.



OUR PERFOR-
MANCE SO FAR
COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN ANY
BETTER.

LEAGUE

	TEIKUO UNIVERSITY	WINDY	TAKASHI
TEIKUO UNIVERSITY		3 - 0	3 - 0
WINDY	0 - 3		1 - 3
TAKASHI	0 - 3	3 - 1	





LET'S BEAT
THEM AND
GET FIRST
PLACE!



IN THE
BEST
POSSIBLE
FORM!

WE'LL
ADVANCE TO THE
TOKYO
TOURNAMENT!



FIGHT!

**PUT YOUR
HEARTS
TOGETHER!
SUZUNE-
GAKARA.**







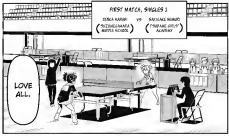
NICE MATCH.



LET'S HAVE A NICE MATCH!



LET'S GO!



NEXT MATCH, SINGLES 1
TERESA HARRIS VS. SAKURAI HINOKI
(SWEETIE MARIA) (PINKIE CHERRY)
BUTTER HONOLULU ALABAMA

LOVE ALL.





YOU'RE
STAYING
IN BED
TODAY.

37.5
DEGREES.

37.5

BUT YOU
DON'T LET
ME PLAY EVER
WHEN I DON'T
HAVE A FEVER!
YOU'RE TOO
PROTECTIVE,
MOM!

I'M JUST
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU!

YOU CAN'T!
YOU HAVE
A FEVER!

POSSIBLY
SOFT-
BALL/
POSSIBLY
BALL!

THAT'S
BORING!
WHY
CAN'T
I EVER
PLAY
SOFT-
SOFT?

BECAUSE
OF THAT,
I HADN'T
ALLOWED
TO PLAY ANY
SPORTS.

I HAVE
BORED
WITH A
PILLOW
BOOK
AND HAVE
ALREADY
DREAM.

TENKA HAMABI

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5TH GRADE



FOOL-
CHIT!

THAT
WAS PRETTY
POOLISH OF
HER TO ASK ME
TABLE TENNIS
FOR A "LIGHT
EXERCISE".

But...

NOW WE
CAN PLAY
TABLE TENNIS
TOGETHER
ANYTIME
WE WANT!
HOW COOL!

HOW IF YOU
PO THAT
I WON'T BE
ABLE TO PLAY
ANYMORE!

AS THE
DAUGHTER OF
A TABLE TENNIS
SHOP OWNER,
I CAN'T LET
THIS PASS

LOOK!
YOUR
MOTHER
NEEDS A
LITTLE
ONE-HOUR
LECTURE
ON THE
SERIOUSITY
OF TABLE
TENNIS.



THERE'S
A SPORT
EVEN I
CAN DO!



IF IT'S
TABLE
TENNIS,
I CAN
DO IT!

I WAS
GETTING
MORE AND
MORE
DRAWN
INTO IT!



I WAS
SO HAPPY,
I WENT
EVERY DAY
TO DO
NOTHING
BUT PLAY
THE TABLE
TENNIS WITH
MOMMY.

ALL WHILE
HELPING AT
MOM'S STORE.



BUT...

37.4

IT'S FINE.
IT'S FINE!

DON'T FORCE
YOURSELF
TOO MUCH.
TABLE TENNIS
IS AN
INTENSE
SPORT
AFTER ALL.

If you insist
that's all right, but
don't hurt.



EVEN AFTER
I STARTED
TO PLAY,
THINGS WERE
STILL HARD
WHEN I HAD
TO STAY
IN BED.



I TOLD
YOU...

PLUS,
WE CAN
PUT OUR
EVERDAY
TRAINING
TO THE
TEST

I THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE MORE FUN
THAN JUST
PLAYING AT
OUR BACK



学生 卓球大会

Table Tennis Competition

3/10

OH-
DEARS
TABLE
TENNIS
COMPETITION?



GO THE
TWO OF
US ARE
COMPETING
TOGETHER
I CAN'T WAIT
FOR IT,
ROMAN!

I'M GOING
I'M GOING
I'M GOING
I'M DEFINITELY
GOING

Chrysal

IT'S GOING TO BE AT THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONSECUTIVE HOLIDAYS NEXT WEEK. WANT TO GO TOGETHER?

References

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ALL AGENTS
ARE ASKED TO
BE ON TIME
BEFORE THE
COMPLETION
TIME FOR
THEIR OFFICIAL
TRAVEL.



HANSEN
 THE GREAT
 TALK OF
 HANSEN
 HANSEN

1. **Introduction**
 2. **Methodology**
 3. **Results**
 4. **Discussion**
 5. **Conclusion**

IF THE
SCORER
I WANT TO
GET FIRST
PLACE,
THE SCORER
PRACTICE
WITH THE
CONCEPT





I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO IT PROPERLY!



AND THAT THING YOU TALKED ME...



AND THROW MY FULL STRENGTH AT THEM!

I'LL TAKE EVERYTHING I'VE LEARNED,

MY FIRST COMPETITION! IF I'M DOING THIS, I WANT HIM TO HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE!



YOU'RE RESTING TODAY.



COMPETITION...

WELL, WELL...



38.2



oooooooooooo



IT'S
YOUR OWN
FAULT FOR
FORGETTING
YOURSELF
THAT MUCH
PRACTICE!

TAKES
NO WAY
YOUR'S
AGONY!

CONFES-
SION!
TABLE
TALKS!

NO!
NO!



I'M
SORRY...

RIGHT
AT THE
DIP OF
THE
CONFER-
TION



HAHAH
HONESTLY-COME
CAME TO
SEE YOU



I TRIED
SO HARD. I
PRACTICED
SO MUCH.



WHY?



WHY DO I HAVE TO BE STUCK IN BED?!

WHY DID I HAVE TO GET A FEVER AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!



I WAS REALLY REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CONTEST...

WHY?



NO TRAIN, NO GOODING EVENTS

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS, MY HEALTH GOES BAD AT THE MOST IMPORTANT TIMES AND I MISS ALL OF THE FUN



IT'S FINE.

NEXT TIME



IT'S A PAIN! YOU COULDN'T JOIN THE CONTEST BUT...



I BROUGHT
YOU THIS GIFT
WELL GIFT
IT'LL LEAVE
IT HERE



I'M
GOING
HOME



FOR
ME...



EVERY-
THING IS
BORING
WHEN
YOU'RE
NOT
AROUND
...

SO GET
WELL SOON,
CRAFT



THANK
YOU
FOR
SAVING
ME

WELL
BORING
CRAFT

WELL
YOU'RE
LEAVING
ANYWAY





IT'S THE
KIND OF
PLEASURE
WHERE YOU
WAST A HUNDRED
TIMES TO GET
YOUR WISH
HEARD...

ONE
HUNDRED
TIMES?



HOWEVER...
YOU DID TAKE
A HUNDRED
TIMES JUST
FOR ME?



JUST NOW
EACH TIME
DID IT TAKE?

YOU HAVE IT
WELL, HAVING
FUN AT THE
CONTESTION
ALL BY
YOURSELF.



...

...

...AND
DESPITE
THAT I...

...

...

...CAN IT
BE THAT
SHE DIDN'T
GO TO THE
CONTESTION
FOR THIS?





I WANT
THE TWO
OF US
TO STAY
TOGETHER
FOREVER



THAT'S
WHY IT'S
SO FUN
PLAYING
WITH
YOU



WHEN
I SEE YOU
PLAYING
TABLE
TENNIS
SO FULL OF
ENERGY IT
CHARGES ME
UP TOO

FOR
NOW



HANA!

YOU ARE
THE BEST
FRIEND IN
THE WORLD.



HANA!
FOR
ME...

HANA!



NO WAY!
I'M NOT
LEaving
GO!

STOP IT!
YOU'RE
FREAKING ME
DON'T STICK
SO CLOSE!

HOKUTO!
YOU'RE
MY BEST
FRIEND
IN THE
WORLD
TOO!



FROM
THAT
DAY ON



I DON'T
KNOW,
BUT...

DID PLAYING
TABLE TENNIS
IMPROVE MY
HEALTHY GO
WAS IT THE
POWER OF
THE AIRLETT

BY THE
WAY I GOT
TO MIDDLE
SCHOOL.
I WAS COM-
pletely
FINE.



MY
HEALTH
SLOWLY
STARTED
TO GET
BETTER.



I NEVER
STOPPED
LOVING
TABLE
TENNIS!!

BECAUSE
HOKUTO
WAS THERE
FOR ME



BUT
...

ONE
THING'S
FOR
SURE.



BECAUSE
HOKUTO
WAS THERE
FOR ME

I AM
STANDING
HERE RIGHT
NOW!



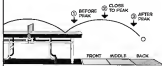
SHE
STEPPED
NEAR THE
TABLE!

THAT'S
JUST ITS
OWNER'S
BEST
PLAYING
STYLE

AGARI-
NEMEL
IS THIS



CLOSE-
DISTANCE
HITTER!



① CLOSE-DISTANCE
HITTERS HIT HERE!



② DRIVERS GO HERE.



③ CHOPPERS PICK
IT UP PRETTY LATE.



AT CLOSE-
DISTANCE, YOU
HIT THE BALL
WHILE IT'S STILL
RISING, SO IT GOES
BACK TO YOUR
OPPONENT'S SIDE
WAY FASTER
THAN USUAL.





RATHER THAN
STROKE POWER,
IT FOCUSES ON
THE SWIFTESS
OF THE RETURNS.

IT'S A
GAME OF
SPEED.

THEY SEIZ
THE INITIATIVE
AND FORCE A
QUICK DECISION
OUT OF THE GAZE,
JUST BUTTERING
THEIR OPPONENT
WITH DOWNS
AND BRUISES.

BEING THIS
OFFENSIVE,
THE PLAYER
NEEDS TO HAVE
THE BOLDNESS
TO TAKE SOME
RISKS.

SO THE
AMOUNT OF
MOVES IS
NATURALLY
LOWER.

BUT THIS
STYLE ALSO
REQUIRES
VERY FAST
REFLEXES.

IT'S
LIKE...

CHANG
4-7
CHANG

FIRING A
BARRAGE OF
BULLETS AT
YOUR PREY



WITH A MACHINE GUN!!



THERE'S
NO WAY TO
STOP IT.



ONCE
YOU
GET IT
GOING,





PLAYING
LIKE THIS
JUST FEELS
SO GOOD!

BEING FASTER
THAN ANYONE ELSE,
LANDING POINTS
WITHOUT EVEN
GIVING THEM
A CHANCE
TO REACT,



AS A FRIEND,
I DESPECT THAT
FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
MY HEART.

The never
stops that
can feel
right.



BROOKER OF
HER PEAK BODY,
HER PHYSICAL
CAPACITY
WASN'T THAT
HIGH.

TO BE
HONEST, I
DON'T THINK
HARDY AND
PET FOR THIS
STYLE.



BUT HARDY
DEVELOPED IT
THIS FAR RELYING
ON NOTHING MORE THAN
A SINGLE FEELING-
"IT'S FUN"



I'M SURE
I WOULD
HAVE NEVER
GOTTEN TO
WHERE I AM.

BUT IF
FUN WAS THE
ONLY THING
PUSHING ME
FORWARD,



BECAUSE
HOKUTO



I'M
GONNA
MEET
IT

HUH? YOU'RE
PLAYING THE
RIGHT MATCH
AGAINST
TENNARE.



I'M
DRAWING
ON YOU

YOUR GUESS
IS THE MOST
INTERESTING HERE.
I WANT YOU TO
LIVEN UP THE
TEAM WITH
THAT ENERGY.



SHOW
US THAT
COURAGE!
PLAYING
ONLY YOU
CAN DO.

I LOVE
THE WAY
YOU PLAY,
HUNTER.



BECAUSE I
ALWAYS HAD
MOMENTS
ANALYST
ON ME



I WOULD
HAVE
GONE TO
GIVE IT
MY BEST.



MY
TABLE
TENNIS
WILL...



JUST
NOW
FAST
I CAN
DO YOU

I'LL
SHOW
YOU
EVEN
FASTER

CHEER UP THE WHOLE TEAM!



?!



HANEL...
WAS OUT-
PLANNED!

OH...
COM-
MUNION!





FINALLY REALLY
ARE ON A WHOLE
OTHER LEVEL. HEAT
WHO WOULD'VE
THOUGHT TO
MEET SUCH A
FAST PLAYER?

ABOUT
TIME

SO SHE
FINALLY
WOKES
UP

THAT
SLEEPY-
HEAD.

THANKS
TO THAT
MY EYES
ARE WIDE
OPEN
NOW.



WANT A
COMO-
PRINCE
THOUGH.

I'M ALSO
A CLOSE-
DISTANCE
HITTER LIKE
YOU.

I'M
PROBABLY

NOT
ONLY
THAT,

FASTER

THAN YOU







SLOW.

SLOW.

SLOW.

SLOW.

SLOW.

SLOW.

SLOW.





UNTIL THE
REST OF
THE GAME
IS OVER,

GOOD
NIGHT.



SINGLES 1

WINNER SHINGAKI HEMORI
(FIGHTING ARI)
ACADEMY

6-11

GAME AND
MATCH TO
SHINGAKI

SHINGAKI (6-11) 3 HEMORI
6-11







I LOST.

SORRY,
EVERY-
ONE...



THERE'S
SOMETHING...

THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG
WITH
THAT!



I'M
SORRY.

IT WAS AN
IMPORTANT
MATCH TO LIFT
EVERYONE'S
SPIRITS.



AND YOU
PLAYED
WITH THE
TEAM IN
MIND

YOU
PLAYED
MARVELLY,
HMM, HMM,



REACHED
US LOUD
AND CLEAR.

YOUR
FEELINGS



NOW,
IT'S MY
TURN

SO
DON'T
WORRY

TO RESPOND
TO THOSE
FEELINGS!







PROFESSOR WUNDO